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¶1. Poloff delivered reftel's talking points to Marcia Adorno of the MFA's Division for Human Rights. Adorno stated that the GoB concurred with the USG's overarching message that the inaugural session of the Council should be devoted to planning and building an effective framework for future proceedings and that the GoB did not expect political discussions. That said, she also revealed that the GoB had heard about select countries posturing to put a discussion of Israel on the agenda, but that these calls had not been accepted.

¶2. Adorno also took time to reflect on the composition of working groups and the Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She noted that the GoB has a flexible approach towards both the working groups and the agenda, but did believe that the Brazilian delegation would push to create a working group focusing on the Durban Conference. Finally, Adorno declared that the GoB is in favor of adopting a Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People, but categorically stated that the document required more discussion and that the Council's inaugural session was not the place for such a debate.

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